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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON COMBINED COMMAND STRUCTURE

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1. USFJ'S SEPARATE BRIEFINGS AT JDA AND MOFA AUGUST 17  
ON COMBINED FORCES COMMAND (CFC) IN KOREA WERE WELL RE-  
CEIVED AND STIMULATED DETAILED QUESTIONING, PARTICULARLY  
AT MOFA. BOTH AUDIENCES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR  
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN DETAILS OF CFC, AND WERE PLEASED  
BY PRESENCE OF CINCUNC OFFICERS DURING Q & A FOLLOWING  
USFJ PRESENTATIONS.

2. BRIEFING AT JDA WAS TO AUDIENCE OF ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE  
UNIFORMED OFFICERS LED BY JOINT STAFF DIRECTOR VADM  
SAKONJO, AND A HANDFUL OF CIVILIAN OFFICIALS. QUESTIONS  
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CENTERED AROUND CFC'S RELATIONSHIP TO UNC AND PARALLELS  
TO NATO. AT SMALL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY LTGEN KOZAKI, J-3,  
ALL JAPANESE OFFICERS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BRIEFING,  
WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO LONG-STANDING COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

3. MOFA SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY 12-15 OFFICIALS LED BY

DIRECTOR GENERAL OTSUKA OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BUREAU AND INCLUDING NORTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR AND OFFICERS FROM PLANNING DIVISION, SECURITY DIVISION AND UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS. QUESTIONS WERE INFORMED AND ANSWERS QUITE COMPLETE. MOFA OFFICIALS TENDED TO FOCUS ON IMPLICATIONS OF CFC FOR UN COMMAND STRUCTURE, AND WELCOMED CONFIRMATION THAT UNC ROLE WOULD NOT BE DIMINISHED. OFFICIALS PROBED AS TO REASON FOR FORMATION OF CFC AT THIS TIME, ASSUMING THAT ESSENTIAL MOTIVATING FACTOR WAS UN GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL PLANS. BRIEFING EXPLANATION ON THIS SCORE, THAT CFC CONCEPT HAD BEEN IN PLANNING STAGES LONG BEFORE TROOP WITHDRAWAL DECISION, SEEMED TO FIND GENERAL ACCEPTANCE. MOFA OFFICIALS WERE INTERESTED IN CFC ARRANGEMENTS AS THEY MIGHT AFFECT US FORCES AND COMMAND STRUCTURE IN JAPAN IN TIME OF HOSTILITY, AND WERE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT UN COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS WOULD REMAIN OPERATIVE.

4. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF CFC AND ITS IMPLICATIONS, MOFA OFFICERS ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING MILITARY BALANCE ON PENINSULA, COMPARATIVE STATES OF READINESS, NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS, ETC. AT CONCLUSION OF SESSION, OTSUKA AND OTHER OFFICIALS EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH SCOPE AND CANDOR OF BRIEFING AND APPRECIATION FOR EFFORT THAT WENT INTO IT, AND SUGGESTED THAT ANNUAL BRIEFING ON KOREAN SITUATION WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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5. USFJ CONCURS. MANSFIELD

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